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R 221300Z AUG 77  
FM AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5330  
INFO USMISSION GENEVA  
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AMEMBASSY PARIS

C O N F I D E N T I A L ADDIS ABABA 5054

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: ECON, EGEN, UNCTAD, ET  
SUBJECT: MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS: COMMODITIES - UNCTAD COMMON  
FUND MEETING NOVEMBER 7 - DECEMBER 2

REF: STATE 191312

1. ETHIOPIAN AGENCIES MOST DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN COMMON  
FUND FOR COMMODITIES ISSUE ARE THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE  
AND TOURISM (MCT), MINISTRY OF FINANCE (MFIN), MINISTRY  
OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (MOFA) AND THE ETHIOPIAN PLANNING  
AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (PDC). REPRESENTING THESE  
AGENCIES, IN PREVIOUS NEGOTIATIONS ON THIS ISSUE, HAVE  
BEEN DR. ASHAGRE YIGLETU, MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TOUR-  
ISM; ATO YOSEPH WOLDE MICHAEL, DIRECTOR EXTERNAL TRADE,  
MCT; ATO WOLLE CHEKOL, HEAD, ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL DEPART-  
MENT, MOFA; AND ATO TAYE WORKU, COMMISSIONER PDC. ALSO IN-  
VOLVED HAS BEEN ATO ALULA GEBRE KIDANE, DEPUTY PERMANENT  
REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ETHIOPIAN MISSION IN GENEVA. THE MIN-  
ISTRY OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM SEEMS TO HAVE PRIMARY  
RESPONSIBILITY FOR GOE POSITION ON THIS ISSUE.

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2. IT IS LIKELY THAT ALL OR MOST OF THE OFFICIALS NOTED  
ABOVE WILL ATTEND NOVEMBER MEETING. REGARDLESS OF MAKE UP,  
ETHIOPIAN DELEGATION UNDOUBTEDLY WILL BE FIRMLY INSTRUCTED  
TO FULLY SUPPORT THE FINAL G-77 POSITION AND IT IS DOUBTFUL  
THAT DISCUSSIONS WITH USG REPS ON THIS ISSUE WILL CHANGE GOE  
STAND, ALTHOUGH WE WOULD NOT LOSE ANYTHING BY TRYING. DESPITE

EXPECTED STRONG GOE SUPPORT FOR FINAL G-77 POSITION, ATO  
YOSEPH INDICATED TO EMBOFF THAT GOE IS NOT, REPEAT NOT,  
TAKING A VERY ACTIVE ROLE IN DEVELOPING THIS POSITION.

3. EMBASSY DOES NOT BELIEVE IT WOULD BE VERY PRODUCTIVE TO  
HAVE AN EXPERT FROM THE US ATTEMPT TO PERSUADE THE GOE TO  
TAKE A MORE POSITIVE VIEW OF THE US POSITION IN THE UPCOMING  
UNCTAD COMMON FUND MEETING.

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